

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As a result of the foregoing amendment, Claims 2, 3 and 17-20 have been cancelled and Claim 6 has been amended. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 4-16 are pending in this application.

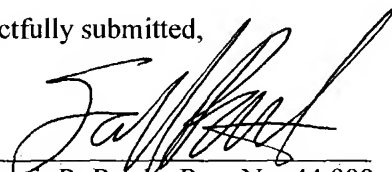
Applicants have also hereinabove amended the specification at page 1 to include a cross-reference to related applications. No new matter has been added in the specification.

As stated above, Applicants have hereinabove canceled Claims 2, 3 and 17-20 and amended Claim 6. Applicants have added the limitations of Claim 1 to Claim 6 to convert Claim 6 into an independent claim. Claim 6, as amended, is fully supported by the original specification. No new matter has been added in the amended Claim 6.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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